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SUBJ: FONOFF VIEWS ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT

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1. DURING DISCUSSION OF SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH ECON/COUNS APRIL 25, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FONOFF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, KAGAMI, NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAD GIVEN CONFLICTING RESPONSES ON WHETHER THEY SEEKING JAPANESE COOPERATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF SIBERIAN RAILWAY. ON WAY TO POMPIDOU'S FUNERAL, PM TANAKA WAS TOLD BY KOSYGIN THAT USSR WOULD CONSTRUCT SIBERIAN RAILWAY ON ITS OWN. ALTHOUGH KOSYGIN MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUEST, TANAKA CAME TO CONCLUSION SOVIETS DID NOT WANT RAILS AND ROLLING STOCK, BUT MIGHT WANT OTHER RAILWAY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS SWITCHING DEVICES. IN PARIS, PM TANAKA WAS TOLD BY PODGORNYY THAT USSR EXPECTED JAPANESE COOPERATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY. MEANWHILE, IN  
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TOKYO, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY HAS BEEN SAYING

USSR WILL CONSTRUCT RAILWAY ON ITS OWN. KAGAMI ADDED THAT DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE ALKHIMOV (NOW IN TOKYO) HAS ALSO SAID USSR WILL NOT SEEK COOPERATION OF JAPAN IN CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY.

2. IN ANY CASE, KAGAMI SAID, JAPANESE STUDIES INDICATE THAT CURRENT PROJECT FOR ELECTRIFIED RAILWAY, AS APPARENTLY ENVISAGED BY SOVIETS, COULD NOT BE COMPLETED BY 1985 AS SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED BUT WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE ANOTHER FIVE YEARS (OR UNTIL 1990) TO CONSTRUCT.

3. KAGAMI ADDED THAT BEFORE RAILAY HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY SOVIETS AS PART OF TYUMEN PROJECT, PRC HAD CAUTIONED THAT USSR COULD NOT BE TRUSTED. SINCE INTRODUCTION OF RAILWAY CONCEPT, HOWEVER, NOTHING HAD BEEN HEARD FROM PRC EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.

4. ECON/COUNS ALSO REFERRED TO PRESS REPORTS THAT PM TANAKA PLANNED TO SEND PERSONAL LETTERS TO SOVIET LEADERS ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. KAGAMI SAID HE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH PSECIFIC PLANS, BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF SOME MESSAGE TO SIVETS IN REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE. HE EXPLAINED THAT PM TANAKA HAD PROMISED KOSYGIN DURING RECENT MEETING THAT HE WOULD SEND HIM A MEMORANDUM DESCRIBING HIS THOUGHTS ON THE VARIOUS PROJECTS. THIS WOULD NOT TAKE THE FORM OF A FORMAL LETTER HOWEVER.

5. COMMENT: NOTHING IN KAGAMI'S REMARKS INDICATED THAT THE FONOFF HAD CHANGED ITS DISTINCTLY COOL ATTITUDE (REFTEL) TOWARD ASSOCIATION IN ANY FORM WITH CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY. IT REMAINS EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS ARE IN FACT SEEKING JAPANESE FINANCING FOR SOME EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH RAILWAY, BUT THAT THEY PREFER TO DISGUISE THIS FACT ON ASSUMPTION THAT BY DOING SO CONSIDERATION OF SOVIET REQUEST BY GOJ LESS LIKELY BOG DOWN IN DEBATE ON POLITICAL AND MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE OF ASSISTING SOVIETS TO CONSTRUCT RAILWAY.

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